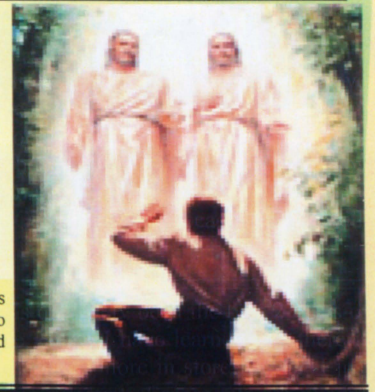


VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"And righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem." **Moses 7:62**



In a great vision given to the prophet Nephi of our time he said that "they wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray save it be a few who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men." **2 Nephi 28:14**

As many of the great visions given to the prophets, they first see the whole of mankind and then their vision is quickly directed to the members of the Church and Kingdom of God and as pointed out even; "...they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men." Not only do we fight this in our own lives but we fight it in the war for the hearts and souls of our investigators. The prophets have counseled throughout time that to over- come the world we should; 1. Read the scriptures and the words of the prophets. 2.

Pray for light and knowledge.

Attend the temple and receive personal inspiration.

For our investigators to overcome the *precepts of men* we invite them to read the words of the prophets, pray and receive a witness that the gospel has been restored. It is our testimony of the truthfulness of these things that allows the Holy Ghost to witness to them that our message is of God and they should follow that witness. Our challenge is to be worthy to have the Holy Ghost as our companion so that we "Speak with the tongue of angels". **2 Nephi 32:2** When we are prepared and worthy to teach with the spirit of the Holy Ghost then we become as angels on a mission from the Creator of this world. "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do." **2 Nephi 32:3**

Our investigators will then know and understand the scriptures that clearly state, "Now this is the commandment: Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be *baptized* in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day." **3 Nephi 27:20** (emphasis added).

Once they have a testimony, however small and new, that Joseph was a prophet and the Church has been restored and Jesus is the Christ; then Alma taught, "Now I say unto you, if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being *baptized* in the name of the Lord, as a witness into a covenant with him, that ye will serve him and keep his commandments, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you? **Mosiah 18:10** (emphasis added)

Alma said to his investigators, "... Come and fear not, and lay aside every sin, which easily doth beset you, which doth bind you down to destruction, yea, come and go forth, and show unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments, and witness it unto him *this day by going into the waters of baptism*." **Alma 7:15** (emphasis added) Alma went on to say, "... I speak by way of invitation, saying: Come and be *baptized* unto repentance, that ye also may be partakers of the fruit of the tree of life." **Alma 5:62** (emphasis added)

Is it any wonder that a modern day Apostle, Elder Ballard said, "We suggest that every missionary teach *baptism* in the first discussion... and set a firm date in the second lesson. ... Remember, nothing happens until someone is *baptized* into the Church." **Mission Presidents Seminar 2006.**

May the Lord bless us to "speak with the tongue of angels" and help our investigators "this day by going into the waters of baptism." Love, President Moeller

"Master Teacher"



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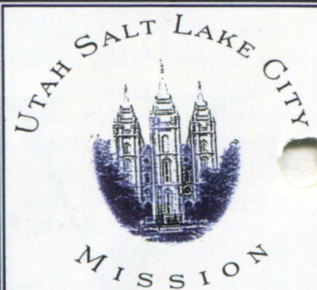


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Utah Salt Lake City Mission 2006



July & August Baptisms:

	Jul	Aug
Granite.....	9.....	8
Helaman.....	15.....	14
Magna.....	24.....	14
Olympus.....	10.....	17
Pioneer.....	39.....	18
Temple.....	15.....	15
Tooele.....	14.....	11
West Valley.....	28.....	19
Wyoming.....	6.....	10

Mission Totals For:

August	144
July	158

Helaman 10:4-5

4-Blessed art thou, (Elders & Sisters), for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unweariness done the word, which I have given unto thee, to this people. And thou hast not feared the word, and hast not sought thine own life, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments.
5-And now, because thou hast done this with such unweariness, behold, I will bless thee forever; and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.

Master Finder



Sister Pantoja



Elder Paslay



Elder Saucier



Elder Tuikolovatu

REMINDER:

Goal for September asked by our Mission President

Each Missionary Companion in our whole Mission was asked to baptize three or more people for the month of September as our gift to our beloved Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley as we come to sit at his feet for the October "2006" General Conference.



CERTIFIED TEACHER

SISTER CANNON
ELDER VILLALOBOS

SKILLED TEACHER

ELDER TAKAU
ELDER VILLALOBOS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 Sep	Elder Hicks	07 Oct	Elder John
18 Sep	Elder Astill *	08 Oct	Elder Findlay
19 Sep	Elder Aja	10 Oct	Elder Haynie
21 Sep	Elder Hernandez	10 Oct	Elder Nelson
22 Sep	Elder Gardner	11 Oct	Elder Prete
23 Sep	Elder Stovall	13 Oct	Elder Osborn
24 Sep	Sister Moeller *	16 Oct	Elder Obregon
30 Sep	Sister Quiros	20 Oct	Sister Bray *
01 Oct	Elder Park	21 Oct	Elder Cook
02 Oct	Elder Marker	22 Oct	Elder Nielsen
02 Oct	Elder Stroud	23 Oct	Elder Lyle
04 Oct	Elder Wilde	28 Oct	Elder Machuca
05 Oct	Sister Steinmetz	01 Nov	Elder Nau

* Senior Missionary



Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men". D&C 138:56

INCOMING SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

* Spanish



**Elder Dimter
Patterson,**
California



**Sister Hansen
Sterling,**
Alaska



***Sister Hernandez**
La Cruz de Elota,
Mexico



***Sister Morin**
Portland,
Oregon



***Elder Olsen**
Hafersfjord,
Norway



***Elder Pucheta**
Chubut,
Argentina



Departing Missionaries



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Lift up your heart and rejoice, for the hour of your mission is come; and your tongue shall be loosed, and you shall declare glad tidings of great joy unto this generation. You shall declare the things which have been revealed to my servant, Joseph Smith, Jun. You shall begin to preach from this time forth, yea, to reap in the field which is white already to be burned. Therefore, thrust in your sickle with all your soul, and your sins are forgiven you, and you shall be laden with sheaves upon your back. Yea, I will open the hearts of the people, and they will receive you! Go your way whithersoever I will, and it shall be given you by the

Comforter what you shall do and whither you shall go. Be faithful unto the end, and lo, I am with you. These words are not of man nor of men, but of me, even Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, by the will of the Father. Amen (D&C 31) I have experienced all of these blessings while on my mission, but the greatest blessing has been to see the change that the gospel has brought in the lives of those I've taught. Love, Elder Jeffrey Goeders



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I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been able to dedicate one year and a half of my life serving The Lord in the best mission in the world - UTAH SALT LAKE CITY MISSION. I am also grateful for the great opportunity that The Lord had given me to spiritually progress. My testimony now has become so much stronger. Hard work is one of the attributes that I have gained and the scriptures are a big part of my life now. One of my favorite scriptures is in Jeremiah 16:16. It is so true that we are "hunters of man." We need to knock doors, search and contact everybody to find the

people who are ready to hear The Gospel of Jesus Christ. If not, we will prepare them to make the sacred Covenant of baptism. I can say that I gave everything to this work, and now I can return to my home with a good feeling that I gave it my all. I know with all my heart that The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith. I knew it before my mission, I still know it now, and I will know it forever. AMEN. Love, Hermana Pantoja



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Well I really don't know what to say. 2 years have come and gone so fast. A word of advice to all on the mission. Don't stop reading the Book of Mormon. It is your testimony; it is why you came out on your mission. My experience is that I never really had a solid testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, and so I was never really strong in the church. I had left the church for just a year and 1 week. I came back because my mother asked me if I wanted to go on a mission. I thought to myself that I was going nowhere fast. So after much repenting and

gaining a testimony, I came out on my mission. It was going great for about the first 5 months, and then I started to struggle with my testimony. You see I had stopped reading the Book of Mormon after I finished it for the Master Teacher Certificate. I then began to lose my testimony, and then I could not teach the gospel of which I loved. I began to doubt the Church and the Book of Mormon, I even doubted that God existed. Well after a few months of this my companion Elder Lyle helped me realize that I was struggling. I then one night knelt in prayer and asked for help to know that the gospel is true, and asked if He was there and was hearing my prayer. The next morning I thought to myself that it had been a really long time since I read the Book of Mormon. I then picked it up and started to read it once again. When I finished it at the end of the year, I knew that it was the Word of God, and I knew that my prayer after 5 months had been answered. I can now go home with a testimony that is strong, and a knowledge that God does love me and that Jesus is the Christ the Savior and Redeemer of all mankind. I know that Joseph Smith is His Prophet and restored His Church on the earth today. The Book of Mormon is the word of God, and testifies of Christ, and if we abide by the teachings of the Book of Mormon and follow the Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley, following with FAITH we shall receive eternal life. I love you all, especially all of my companions who have stood by me and showed me the love that I needed during my trying times. I know the gospel is true and I love it. My favorite scripture that tells how I feel is in Alma 29:8-9. Best of luck to all of you, your friend and your brother from another mother. Love, Elder Paslay



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Since I was a child I had a burning desire to serve God and my savior Jesus Christ. I couldn't wait for my time to serve as a full-time servant of the Lord. By the grace and love of God and Jesus Christ they qualified and called me to serve in the Salt Lake City Mission starting September 7th of 2004. The Lord truly blessed me. He shaped my life, he cleared my vision and purified my heart and unfolded to me His Great mysteries; and because of this I know that God lives, that he's truly the God of the universe and the father of our spirits. Jesus is the Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of this world. I love my mission and the opportunity to witness the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to the many people that were baptized in the course of my service. I feel like Paul....For though I preach the gospel I have nothing to glory of for necessity is laid upon me. Yea woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel. For if I do this thing willingly I have a reward. But if against my will a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me ... and this I do for the gospel's sake that I might be partakers with you. My brothers and sisters this is the time and the season of the harvest, let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Let us do good unto all man...unto the household of faith. I will go but my heart will always be with you in the work of the Lord. Each and every one of you has blessed my life. To my parents in the gospel. President and Sister Moeller and the wonderful office staff, thank you so much for all your love and care for me. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you. Love you all. ahui hou and malama pono, va'ai fa'alelei lou uso, 'ofa atu... kataki kihe ikuna. Love, Elder Takau



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Well, what can I say. I didn't think that it would end so fast. It has definitely been the best 2 years of my life. I am just thankful that I had the opportunity to serve the Lord. I have learned that there is more to life than just having material things and that God has something more in store for us. I just hope that we will be ready for it! Y ahora a los que hablan el idioma celestial. Espero que uds puedan seguir adelante y que disfruten la misión porque es bien corta. Lo se les olvide a quien representan.

Adiós a todos. Con amor Elder Tellez



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I would rather that you not read my thoughts but since you are already here, you know what I know. The church is true. That is right. Jesus Christ is the Savior and Redeemer of the world. It is only through him we can return to our Father in Heaven prepared to meet him. Joseph Smith was the prophet of the restoration. The Book of Mormon is the word of God. This is Christ's church. I don't doubt it. Look, it is even in my thoughts! I have fully enjoyed my time here, even though it is up. When I look back, all my memories are good ones. That is how I like it to be. Much success to you all. Love, Sister Whitlock - RICHLOCK CFO



Assistants to the Presidents



September 22, 1827 the Book of Mormon came forth from its temporary dormancy and by the hand of Moroni was conferred to the Prophet Joseph Smith continuing those divine events that led to the complete establishment of God's kingdom once again upon the earth. It just so happens that this day also coincides with the ancient Hebrew, Feast of the Trumpets. This is the ancient feast celebrating the beginning of Israel's final harvest. How appropriate for the tool of conversion to be brought forth on that day, the beginning of the last harvest of God's children in these last days. How appropriate for us to take on this huge challenge of reaping 3 baptisms per companionship, during this ancient harvest month.

It is quite an undertaking and will require all the sacrifice, wit, obedience, diligence and prayer that each missionary heart can muster. We are the farm hands of the Almighty. We are the "few" who have been called to rise with the sun, prepare every needful thing and work with all our heart, might, mind and strength all the day long reaping, that we "... shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto myself..." Just as in Alma 26: 23-25, there will be those that laugh us to scorn, or lack the faith that these, God's children cannot be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

However let us go out into the day with that converting tool provided for us and the knowledge of our testimonies, that all God's children can know "that they are not cast off forever" but are to be gathered in. That we may be able to be accountable even as we sit at the feet of the prophet and apostles and know "Behold, the field was ripe, and blessed are ye, for ye did thrust in your sickle, and did reap with your might, yea all the day long did ye labor; and behold the number of your sheaves! And they shall be gathered into the garners, that they are not wasted."

Alma 26: 5

NOTES

1. See JS-H 1:59
2. See Leviticus 23: 24
3. See The Ensign (January 2000), 25-29
4. See Jacob 5:70

Love, Elder Haynie, Elder Wheeler,
and Elder Meade



Vehicle Message from Elder Norton

August DVR's: Congrats to Granite, Helaman, Olympus and West Valley for getting all DVR's in on time with all receipts. Magna, Pioneer, Temple, Toeole and Wyoming got DVR's in on time but missing some gas receipts. Thanks so much to all of you for taking care of this "Martha" (administrative) item.

Mileage Allowances: Thanks to most of you for staying within your mileage allowance. Some of you have failed to take hold of the requirement to stay within your mileage allowance, so, if you for some reason don't understand this guidance, please give me a call.

Accidents: We have had a series of five accidents this last month that could have proved fatal for our companionships. After carefully studying these accidents it is apparent that in less than 1/10th of a second (3' to 6' depending on speed) in each accident the results could have been significantly different. In one accident, if the car carrying four Elders had started out from the green light less than 1/10th of a second faster we would likely have lost two Elders with two others seriously injured. Another accident, if the Elders had started through the intersection less than 1/10th of a second slower they would have been struck broadside, undoubtedly seriously injuring the driver. Still another, if the Elders had started through the intersection less than 1/10 th of a second sooner they would have been struck broad-side by a Semi. If one companionship would have been in their parked car when it was hit from the rear by a pickup truck traveling at high speeds they probably would have been fatally injured. Elders and Sisters, the Lord has blessed us significantly this last month and I urge you to continue to be obedient and prayerful and to exercise the utmost caution as you travel about on foot, on bicycles or in your cars.

